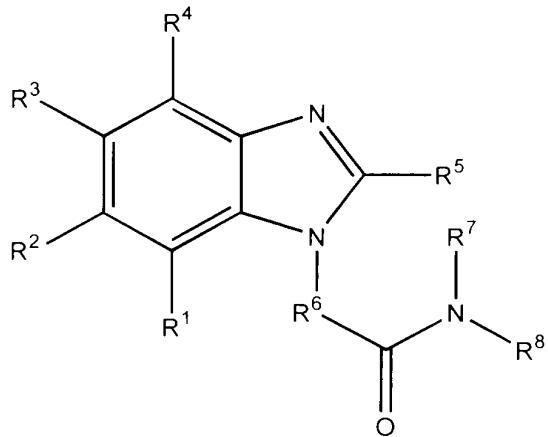


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to novel tetracyclic benzimidazole derivative compounds of the following formula:

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wherein R¹ to R⁸ have the meanings provided herein.

The invention further relates to combinatorial libraries containing two or more such compounds, as well as methods of preparing benzimidazole derivative compounds.